

(MT). In response, applicants respectfully ask the examiner to withdraw the rejection since applicant has antedated the MT patent. The effective date of the MT patent is May 9, 1996; applicants priority date is August 24, 1995

**ATTACHMENT**

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

**CONCLUSION**

For all the above reasons, the applicants submit that the pending claims are now in proper form and that the claims define over the prior art. The applicants therefore submit that this application is in condition for allowance.

Lastly, please note our new attorney docket number in your records.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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IN THE CLAIMS:

7. The SCB device of claim 1, wherein the at least one conductive contact pad comprises [titanium/nickel/gold] titanium, nickel and gold.

21. The SCB of claim 13, wherein the at least one conductive contact pad comprises [titanium/nickel/gold] titanium, nickel and gold.

28. The method of claim 22, wherein the at least one conductive contact pad comprises [titanium/nickel/gold] titanium, nickel and gold.